

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Final Office Action dated November 26, 2004, claims 1-13 are pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner for reconsideration of the rejections.

Applicants incorporate the previous response by reference herein. Applicants note that the reference numerals provided were to help the Examiner locate the various parts within the figures.

The Examiner refers to the piston assembly 15 of Fig. 2 of the *Omand* reference. The Examiner fails to point out a channel through the piston assembly. The Examiner points to reference numeral 20 for a cross member. Applicants agree that this is type of cross member, however, the cross member does not include a post head sized to be received within a retraction member. The post heads of the *Omand* reference are coupled to the connector rods 42 and 44 which in turn are coupled to the handle which in turn moves relative to the rod. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to review Fig. 5 and the exploded view set forth therein for how the device operates. The Examiner also fails to point out where slots exist in the *Omand* reference. The Examiner should note that both slots and a channel are claimed. That is, the pin is located within a channel and slidably received within the slot. The connecting rods 42 and 44 are slidably received within the "cross member" of the *Omand* device. Thus, the cross members do not have a post head sized to be received within the retraction feature. Although the *Omand* reference is an extracting tool, the method of operating the tool and thus the claimed connections of the device are very different.

As set forth in the specification of the present application, a slot is different than a hole. As recited, the pin is slidably received within the slot. Applicants do not agree that the holes within the "cross member 20" of the *Omand* reference have pins that are slidably received therein. Only during assembly may the pins be slid into place. However, Applicants respectfully submit that both a slot and a channel are not illustrated.

The Examiner also states on page 3 of the Final Office Action that Fig. 5, reference numeral 15, shows that the piston is fed through without fixation. Applicants respectfully submit that if the rod 15 were not secured to the yoke 20, the device would fall apart. That is, the slider portion 25a moves up and down on the rod when the device

is squeezed. When the slider portion 25a moves up and down, the connecting rods 42, 44 also move up and down. Thus, the Examiner has at least failed to show both a slot and a channel that are used to receive the pin. That is, the pin is positioned within the channel and is slidably received within the slot as recited in claim 1. This just highlights the differences between the *Omand* reference and the present claims.

The Examiner on page 3 of the Final Office Action states it would have been obvious for the placement of the spring. However, Applicants respectfully submit because of the entirely different configuration, no teaching or suggestion is set forth for the placement of the spring. Applicants respectfully believe that the placement of the spring is being moved in hindsight based upon the teachings of the present application. As is shown in Figs. 10 and 11, the present device includes a handle and a grip. The spring is position on the piston between the handle and the grip. Applicants can find no distinction in the *Omand* reference of a handle and a grip. Handles 12 and 14 are illustrated. The springs are shown adjacent to the post heads in Figs. 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the *Omand* reference. These are completely different spots due to the fact that the *Omand* reference operates in a completely different manner than that of the present claims. Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider this rejection.

In light of the above remarks, Applicants submit that all rejections are now overcome. The application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments which would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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